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SUBJECT: STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN KWANGJU, JUNE 30 AND JULY 2, 1978

REF: A) SEOUL 5537; B) SEOUL 5590

1. ON JUNE 30, CHONNAM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS RALLIED AT SEVERAL OFF-CAMPUS LOCATIONS IN KWANGJU TO DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT FOR SIGNERS OF DECLARATION ON DEMOCRATIC EDUCATION. ESTIMATES ON NUMBER OF STUDENTS INVOLVED RUN FROM SEVERAL HUNDRED TO ONE THOUSAND. SOURCES REPORT SOME STUDENT INJURIES RESULTING FROM CLASH WITH POLICE. UNCONFIRMED RUMOR IS CIRCULATING THAT ONE POLICEMAN WAS KILLED AND ONE TEACHER INJURED. KOREAN NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (KNCC) REPORTS 108 STUDENTS WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY OF JUNE 30; ALL BUT 14 WERE RELEASED. ON JULY 2, STUDENTS AGAIN DEMONSTRATED IN KWANGJU AND 50 MORE STUDENTS WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

2. ACCORDING TO KNCC, ALL ELEVEN PROFESSORS WHO SIGNED DECLARATION HAVE BEEN FIRED AND FACE CHARGES OF VIOLATING
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EM-9. ONE OF THESE, PROFESSOR SONG KI-SUK HAS ADDITIONALLY BEEN CHARGED WITH VIOLATING ANTI-COMMUNIST LAW (BASED ON PUBLICATION OF BOOK SOME TIME AGO). CHONNAM UNIVERSITY IS REPORTEDLY CLOSED.

3. COMMENT: THIS MARKS SECOND AND THIRD OFF-CAMPUS DEMONSTRATIONS IN LESS THAN A WEEK.

KNCC SECRETARY

GENERAL KIM KWAN-SUK VOICED CONCERN THAT IN CONTRAST WITH
PREVIOUS ON-CMAPUS DEMONSTRATIONS, THESE NEW DISTURBANCES
CARRY WITH THEM POSSIBILITY OF DANGEROUS ESCALATION, IN
REGARDS TO BOTH STUDENT ACTION AND POLICE REACTION.
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